

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of this Application, withdrawal of the rejections, and formal notification of the allowability of all claims as now presented are earnestly solicited in light of the above claim amendments and remarks that follow. Claim 23 has been amended to cancel the third listed structure for defining the group A. Claims 13-16, 20, 23, 26-30, 33, 36-38, 42, and 52 are pending in the present application. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 13-16, 20, 26-30, 33, 36-38, 42, and 52 are allowed.

Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Desiraju *et al.*, *Indian Journal of Chemistry*, 27B(10):953-954 (1988), particularly in relation to compound 1d on page 953. Claim 23 also stands rejected as allegedly being obvious over Katritzky *et al.*, *Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry*, 25(5):1321-1325 (1988), particularly in relation to compound 1 on page 1321 in the Scheme 1.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the present rejections, to expedite prosecution, claim 23 has been amended to remove the third listed structure that defines the central ring member noted in the main structure as "A". In light of this amendment, claim 23 no longer recites compounds wherein the central ring structure is a cyclopentanone group.

Applicant respectfully submits all claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. If any minor formalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is directed to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to facilitate prosecution of this case.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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